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HE REFUSED THE GIFT.

Rev. D. A. Dunne Would Not Accept a Purse of \$505.50 Presented to Him by Members of St. Patrick's Church.

Rev. D. A. Dunne, of Moscow, formerly assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, West Scranton, was summoned from his new home yesterday to the parochial residence on Jackson street, and last evening was taken by surprise and presented with a purse containing \$505.50. Rev. J. H. Whelan, pastor of St. Patrick's church, presented the money, and the Rev. Father Dunne feelingly responded.

In the course of his remarks he thanked the committee and the parishioners, but surprised his visitors in turn by positively and absolutely refusing to accept the purse. He suggested that the money be turned over to the church fund. The committee tried to induce him to accept, but without avail.

The evening was enjoyably spent, however, by the ladies and gentlemen who comprised the committee, and short speeches were delivered by several of the gentlemen. Before their departure, luncheon was served under the direction of Miss Maghan. The general committee was composed of Dr. J. J. Carroll, president; P. J. McCann, treasurer; M. J. McAndrew, secretary; P. E. Duffy, James P. Duffy, Martin Devanney, B. J. Neville, P. J. Johnson, Richard Lomenagan, Thomas F. Kane and T. J. Jennings.

REAP WAS UNGRATEFUL.

Given a "Lift" and Then Made Off with the Horse. The police were looking high and low last night for Patrick Reap, of Minoaka, who is wanted to answer for a downright, ungrateful, and unscrupulous horse-stealing. It was that, but that wasn't the worst of it. It wasn't so much what he stole as the nasty way he stole it.

Reap was trading towards his home in Minoaka, when he was overtaken by Patrick Farrell, of 134 Apple street, Dunmore, who was driving towards the South Side. Reap asked him for a "lift" and Farrell readily acceded to it to him.

Well down toward the end of Pittenavade road, Farrell made a stop, but Reap kept his seat and he would drive him on some distance further towards his destination. Farrell went inside in a store and remained a few minutes. When he came out his horse and carriage and Reap were missing. This was a shock. At midnight he was still looking for his missing turnout.

A report reached police headquarters late in the night that Reap had been seen driving through Minoaka in the early evening of the two girls. At 2 o'clock this morning word was received that Reap had been captured at Avoca by Chief of Police Conboy. The two girls were not with him at that time.

More New Goods. Our Mr. Richards has been in New York all week buying an additional large stock of summer clothing, and the goods coming in every day show the newest ideas in young men's suits. Come and see us for the proper clothing for this season.

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MAYOR DEFINES HIS ASPHALT POSITION

EXPLAINS CONNECTEDLY HIS COURSE THUS FAR.

Was Willing to Sink His Personal Aversion to Taking the Responsibility for the Contract if Councils by a Two-Thirds Vote Indicated That It Would, or at Least Could, Set at Naught the Executive's Power of Interference in Legislation—His Present Stand.

Mayor Moir will not accept Thursday night's vote on the appropriation ordinance as an equivalent to directions from council that he sign the Barber contract. "When I called the joint session of council two weeks ago to specially consider the matter of asphalt repairs, it was my intention to sign the contract if the council indicated by a two-thirds vote that they favored it. There is a clause in the ordinance, under which the contract was made, directing the mayor to execute the contract. That behest was followed out by Mayor Bailey. There is nothing before me directing that I shall execute the contract. The clause in the ordinance in question was directed to Mayor Bailey. "However, had council given a two-thirds vote to the resolution requesting that I execute a contract, I would have accepted that as sufficient warrant for me to proceed as requested, it would have been at naught the quasi legislative power reserved in the mayor, because a two-thirds vote overcomes his veto and rules him out of legislation. It would have given me ground to warrant the assumption that whatever legislative interference I might interpose would be overruled and this being the case, I would be shorn of all except the ministerial power of the executive and relieved of all responsibility.

NOT A FAIR EXPRESSION.

Mr. Chittenden was satisfied that the vote on that night was not a fair expression of the sentiment of the select council and proposed that another test be made when the Sanderson appropriation ordinance would be up on second reading. I did not agree to be bound by it, as before, owing to the rapidly increasing public sentiment against the Barber contract, and other considerations, but told Mr. Chittenden that an expression favorable to the contract would have its due influence with me.

"Again the two-thirds vote was wanting. I was present when it was being taken and I am sure that no authoritative source that more than one of the members who voted in the affirmative were not in favor of the contract. They wanted to take the \$17,520 out of the general city fund to save it from being attached by holders of judgments against the city or council members who might be tempted to say 'to the devil with the asphalt repairs,' and form a combine to spend the money for culverts, electric lights or the dozen and one other things that 'ward' councilmen are always ready to foster.

"I will not again commit myself to any particular line of action. As to the contract now before me, I will only say I do not now see how I can sign it, even though I favored it. I believe, as Mr. Torrey says, that the present mayor has nothing whatever to do with the executing of a contract with the Barber company.

LET THEM PROVE RIGHT.

"If the Barber company has a contract, as is alleged, they have only to await the passage of the Sanderson appropriation ordinance to begin work. If, as the company claims, the contract has been lost, the ex-mayor stands ready, according to his interview today, to prove their right to a contract.

NO INVESTIGATION.

The teachers' committee of the board of control assembled last night to hear and pass upon the complaint of Mrs. M. Flynn, of the West Side, that Principal Cruttenberg, of No. 56 school, used unnecessary force in chastising her 14-year-old daughter.

Mr. Cruttenberg was present at the appointed hour, but no one appeared to press the charges, and the committee decided to drop the matter. Secretary Fallon informed the committee that Mrs. Flynn waited upon him in the afternoon and informed him that she did not wish to prosecute the case.

J. W. Browning, attorney and counselor at law, announced that he has again opened his office in rooms 312-313 Mears building, Scranton, Pa., where he will welcome his former clients and others who have legal matters to be adjusted.

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HIGH SCHOOLS COMPETE.

Interesting Contests Between Scranton and Carbondale.

The first of the series of literary competitions between the pupils of the high schools of Scranton and Carbondale took place last night in the opera house at Carbondale. The main competition was in a debate on the question "Resolved, That Boys and Girls High Schools Should Be Separate." Carbondale had the affirmative and was represented by Verma Skinner, Mary Surdovall and Valentine Law. The Scranton debaters were Hayden Oliver, George F. Coar and Edward Kirkbride.

The judges were Prof. Nelmeyer, of Dunmore; George D. Davidson, of Carbondale; and George E. Kimball, of Carbondale. In the competitive oration, John A. Horan represented Scranton, having as his subject "Memorial Day." Martin Kennedy was Carbondale's champion. His subject was "Expansion." Competitive essays were read by Miss Hannah Gilhool and Miss Mina Raynor, of Carbondale, and Leon Levy, of Scranton. The competitors in recitations were Miss Peuckert, of Carbondale, and Mildred Green, of Scranton. No decisions were announced, owing to the fact that the Scrantonians had to leave to catch a train before the judges had come to a conclusion. Musical numbers interspersed the exercises.

WOMAN'S CLUB BANQUET

Held in Parlors of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church Yesterday Afternoon—Those Who Responded to Toasts.

The Green Ridge Woman's club celebrated the close of a most successful year last night by a banquet held in the parlors of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. There was almost a full attendance of members. The occasion was a delightful one and the feast of reason was particularly brilliant. The committee on arrangements consisted of Mrs. Anna Robinson, Mrs. A. F. Law, Mrs. J. F. Howarth, Mrs. G. M. Kear, Mrs. W. F. Mattes, Miss Amy Gerecke.

The tables, eight in number, were arranged in a circle and were decorated with the club's colors: lavender for the tablecloths, white, history; yellow, social; pink, science. Candalaria with lilies of the valley, snowballs, azaleas and four-de-lis were employed in the color scheme. Mrs. L. J. Lansing, president of the club, acted as toastmaster and her responses to toasts were made as follows:

"The Postponed Musical Festival." Miss Anna Robinson. "The Green Ridge Woman's Club." Miss Amy Gerecke. "Our First Year." Miss Lydia Poore. "Woman's Intellect." Miss Mary Davidson. "The Possibilities of Music." Mrs. Alfred Pennington. "The Strenuous Age." Mrs. C. P. Davidson.

The menu was as follows: Sweetbread Croquettes Creamed Potatoes French Peas Sandwiches Olives Tomato Salad Cakes Coffee Waffles Bon-Bons Almonds

The officers of the club are: Mrs. L. J. Lansing, president; Miss Lydia Davidson, vice-president; Miss Lydia Poore, secretary. The others present were: Mrs. Townsend Poore, Mrs. J. A. Pennington, Mrs. Van Cleef, Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. S. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Merriam, Mrs. Clearwater, Mrs. T. E. Jones, Mrs. Vera Merrifield, Mrs. Robert Hurley, Mrs. A. C. Dunn, Mrs. Philip, Mrs. J. W. Howarth, Mrs. P. Law, Mrs. Mary Kay, Mrs. F. W. Lange, Mrs. W. Lange, Mrs. R. A. Zimmerman, Mrs. G. W. Keer, Mrs. T. F. Wells, Mrs. Charles Carr, Mrs. G. E. Dean, Mrs. E. C. Dean, Mrs. Van Blarcom, Mrs. E. C. Dean, Mrs. Alice Peck, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Alfred Hunt, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. A. G. Thomason, Mrs. F. Mason, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Peter Davidson, Mrs. Hessler, Mrs. Florey, Mrs. Charles Courson, Mrs. Berlinghoff, Mrs. E. H. Bennett, Mrs. Koehler, Mrs. E. F. Peck, Mrs. Will Mattes, Mrs. L. A. Pond, Mrs. Lindabury, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. H. G. Dunham, Dr. Martha Everett, Mrs. Pine, Misses Jean Lindsay, Amy Gerecke, Louise Gerecke, Pillou, Kennedy, Louise Hull, Florence Hall, Edith Hill, Grace Hink, Alice Peck, Brundage, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Charlesworth, Knapp, Barnes, Nettleton, Davidson.

DIFFERENT DOCTORS DISAGREE

Dr. Reed Burns' Position Sustained by State Society. The fact will be recalled that the Lackawanna Medical society some months ago took action regarding certain professional observances connected with Dr. Reed Burns, in which the society's disapproval was emphatically recorded.

The matter in question was one in which consultation had been made with a physician of the Homeopathic school. Dr. Burns felt dissatisfied with the action of the local society and brought the matter to the attention of the Philadelphia Medical society.

The case was presented to the state board, in session this week at Altoona, where Dr. Burns was again sustained.

RESULT OF CARELESSNESS.

Michael Malloy Seriously Injured by a Fellow Workman. Michael Malloy is at the Lackawanna hospital, suffering from a fearful injury caused by the carelessness of a fellow workman. Malloy's skull was fractured on the left side, just above the ear, and an operation was necessary to relieve the compression and save his life. At a late hour last night he was reported as being in a more favorable condition, but he is in a precarious state.

NATIONAL PEACE JUBILEE—WASHINGTON.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad. On account of the National Peace Jubilee, to be held at Washington, D. C. May 23, 24 and 25, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has arranged to sell excursion tickets from all stations to Washington at rate of single fare for the round trip, except that the rates from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore will be \$1.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively, with proportionate rates from intermediate and adjacent points. Tickets will be sold May 22 and 23, good to return within ten days from date of sale when properly validated by the agent at Washington.

EXERCISES AT THE ELM PARK CHURCH

TO OBSERVE THE EPWORTH LEAGUE'S ANNIVERSARY.

Were Conducted Last Night by the Members of the City Union—Was Enjoyable in Every Respect. Chairman John J. York Presided. Programme Comprised Recitations, Vocal and Musical Selections and Addresses—Rooms Were Prettily Decorated—Elm Park Chapter Entertained the Visitors.

Exercises in connection with the observance of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Epworth league were held last night at the Elm Park church in the Sunday school rooms by the members of the city union. There were about 400 persons in attendance and the affair proved most enjoyable. Chairman John J. York, of the union, presided.

The rooms were prettily decorated with red and white bunting arranged in festoons. The platform was profusely banked with flowers and plants. This was the handwork of H. H. Bushnell, of the Elm Park Chapter social committee.

The exercises were opened with a gospel song service, led by I. J. Surdam, at the conclusion of which prayer was offered by the same gentleman. J. W. Switzer gave a recitation, "The Spartan Gladiator," and was heartily encored. A quartette from Simpson chapter sang and were followed by Miss Constantine, of the North Scranton chapter, who recited "A New Annie Laurie." Her effort was fully appreciated.

RELATION OF THE LEAGUERS.

L. F. Hoyer spoke briefly on "The Relation of the Senior League to the Junior League." His address was given in substitution for one to have been given by James R. Hughes, of West Scranton, who was detained by illness. Mr. Hoyer offered several timely suggestions in connection with his subject. He said that the Seniors were rather selfish and neglected the Juniors. He urged that the former forget themselves to an extent and seek to assist the latter. Also that a more persistent effort be made to benefit and strengthen both branches.

Mrs. Charles Genter sang the "Days of Long Ago," Mrs. Buchanan accompanying her on the piano. Mrs. Genter responded to an encore. Miss Etta Van Cleef, of the Dunmore chapter, recited "The Widow's Child," indicating content of a proper appreciation of her selection. Following a piano duet played by the Misses Leona Edwards and Gertrude DeGraw, Mr. Switzer responded to a special request and declaimed "Marc Antony's Funeral Oration." Rev. Mr. Simpson, the new pastor of the Ashbury Methodist church, Green Ridge, was called upon, but asked to be excused.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Rev. C. M. Giffin, D. D., of the Elm Park church, made a few remarks of a general nature and spoke in a lively strain. J. G. Shepherd, president of the Elm Park chapter, made a short address of welcome to the attending Epworthians, bidding them enjoy themselves, and expressing the pleasure of having them as guests, in behalf of the Elm Park chapter.

A hymn was sung and the benediction of the Epworth league was pronounced in concert as a conclusion to the exercises. Refreshments were then served by the members of the Elm Park chapter, and a short social session was enjoyed.

RESIGNATION REPORTED.

General Outside Foreman of the D. L. & W. Said to Have Quit. A story was persistently circulated yesterday to the effect that Benjamin Hughes, general outside superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company's mines, had resigned and that he would be succeeded by Henry Brennan, of Carbondale.

Careful inquiry failed to verify the story.

PIRIESTS TO HAVE A RETREAT.

Will Occur at Glen Summit Hotel in June. Bishop Hoban has arranged a retreat for the clergy of the Scranton diocese to be held in June at the Glen Summit hotel. The senior priests will make the retreat from June 12 to 17, and the junior priests from June 19 to 24. The provincial of the Jesuit order has been requested to assign a missionary to conduct the retreat.

The Glen Summit hotel has been exclusively engaged by Bishop Hoban for the two weeks that the retreat will be in progress. Three or four lectures daily, interspersed with fixed periods of prayer and meditation, are the principal exercises of a retreat. Fasting and strict silence are enjoined.

Low Fare Excursions via the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Grand regatta on Cayuga lake, Ithaca, N. Y., May 29, 1899. Boat races including vs. Pennsylvania, Cascadilla vs. N. Y. Military academy; also a single scull race for the Charles S. Francis gold medal; fencing contest, Cornell vs. Syracuse. Tickets will be sold and good going May 29 and 30, limited for return to and including May 31. To enable the holders of these excursion tickets to go the entire race from start to finish, SPECIAL OBSERVATION TRAINS will be run along the bank of the lake, keeping even with the boats on the finish. Tickets will be sold for seats in these observation trains at \$1.00 each; and no greater number of tickets will be sold than there are seats in the trains. The fare from Scranton for the round trip will be \$2.70. Inquire of Lehigh Valley ticket agents for further particulars.

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